

May 19, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – COMSECY-14-0013 – YUCCA
MOUNTAIN PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The Commission has approved the staff's continued use of the remaining available Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) carryover to complete the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) as originally scheduled. This activity should be the staff's highest priority for this project.

The staff should maintain the target SER completion date of January 2015.

The staff should plan to develop and issue an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) supplement and load Licensing Support Network (LSN) documents into a public library in ADAMS.

But based on current NWF-funding estimates, the Commission is concerned that with the additional work required to complete the EIS supplement there may not be sufficient funds to complete the three tasks. The Commission is also concerned that personnel might be diverted from the Waste Confidence rulemaking. To that end, short of limited project planning tasks, the staff should not begin developing the EIS supplement or loading LSN documents into public ADAMS until at least the fall of 2014 and when the Yucca Mountain SER and Waste Confidence rulemaking are substantively complete. At that time, the staff should submit to the Commission its assessment of remaining NWF funds and its proposed plan to complete the EIS supplement and load the LSN documents into public ADAMS. The Commission will then provide direction on the allocation of funding to these tasks based on the staff's updated assessment.

If any issues arise that may require Commission intervention, the staff should promptly alert the Commission and seek guidance.

cc: Chairman Macfarlane
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Commissioner Apostolakis
Commissioner Magwood
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